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Chatham R.R. Discontinued

Last Railroad built on Cape. First one to be discontinued.

Chatham Railroad has been abandoned after fifty years use by order of the Interstate Commerce Commission. It had 7.7 miles of railway tracks with three stations. One at Chatham, South Chatham, and Harwich. The stock was owned entirely by Chatham citizens. The Chatham railroad was leased to the Old Colony railroad which itself was soon absorbed by the New Haven. The discontinuence of this railway will mean a lot to many Chatham citizens who had faith in this project.

Deep Sea Soundings

Edited by Louis S. Gilbert

How I Got My Watch

By Jacob Billikopf

Three weeks ago the employees in Sears Roebuck and Co. warehouse in Philadelphia went out on a strike because the management refused to grant a closed shop. So did the picketers out of symp thy for the warehouse men. Sears Roebuck and Co. has five warehouses in one of which there was a sit down strike. Not only was the warehouses held up but hundreds of men and women picketed the various Sear Roebuck and Co. retail stores in and around Philadelphia. Various attempts were made to bring about a settlement but with not any satisfactory results, because the unions was insistant on a closed shop, and management

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"The Citizen Thinks"

In an interview with Mrs. Marian Wells your reporter learned the following:
When asked whether she thought the present town government needed improvement, Mrs Wells replied: No, but she thought things should be explained more clearly before being brought to a vote at town meeting.
When asked whether she thought Chatham had enough transportation facilities Mrs Wells replied:
That she thought enough people had cars to supplies those who didn't have cars.

Improvement Suggestions From a Friend.

1. A good zoneing system for the town.
2. Sidewalks on all streets used by auto's.
3. Brush cleared away from one side of narrow streets so the public can step off the road without getting wet.
4. A stop light at the intersection of Atwood St. and Cedar St., or straighten the Cedar St. turn at the aforesaid intersection.
5. Widen the intersection of Oyster Pond Road, and Atwood St.
6. The auto trafic incessing at such a rate, is making these aforesaid intersects some very dangerous.

What is it that you fill a barrel with to make it lighter?
Holes.

Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity
H. Mann

HISTORY IN THE NEWS

By Helen Hay Hoyl

A school course in Social Studies which does not give to boys and girls a command of basic facts in history and geography will fall far short of what our children need in order to help them understand their world. Such mastery may be partly tested by the student's daily use of fundamental information in his ordinary conversations and in his interpretation of the daily news. For example, in a single recent issue of a daily newspaper the following headlines linked present day happenings to the past. A boy's knowledge of European history should help him to interpret the background of such items:

Daughter of Robert Owen Dies
("Well, the name of the originator of term 'Socialism' is still in the news!)

Hitler Considers Seizing Dansig
("So the partition of Poland which the Benevolent Despots began in 1772, is still going on.")

New York State Women Invent Knitting Machine
("The Industrial Revolution still in process?)

Chamber of Deputies Debate Tipping in Paris
(Joke: "And if that doesn't start another French Revolution, what will?")

While the development of social attitudes, appreciation and understandings which lead to improvement in the social effectiveness of youth are the goals to sought by a social studies program and the mastery of

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The Slavery Question And How It Changed The United States.

By Frank S. Gilbert

The first slaves which were brought into what is now the United States was in 1619, when a Dutch ship sailed into the harbor of Jamestown, Va. There were 20 slaves, which were the first in what is now the United States. They were sold to the planters, who were eager to get them, because they needed people to work in the fields in Va. More slaves were brought in each year. And soon there were a lot of slaves in the Southern Colonies. South Carolina may have had the most, for she raised a lot of tobacco, cotton, rice and indigo. Most of the other Southern states raised only cotton, rice, and tobacco. So every planter had at least one slave.

When the colonies were free they brought in more slaves, so that you would think then South was just slaves. While in the North, the people did not think it right to have slaves , because they could not use them profitably themselves in the North.

In 1820, a compromise was called the Missouri Compromise, permitting Missouri to be a slave state in exchanage for Maine being a free state, and placing the line between the slave and free states on the Mason and Dixon Line.

When the Mexican War came to an end, there was a great quarrel about Cal. for Texas was going to be a slave state. Finally Cal. chose to be a free state. In 1850 another compromise was made in which

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certain changes happened. In 1860 Abraham Lincoln was elected by the people of the North. The Southerners said they would secede from the U.S. if Lincoln became President. Slowly each state went out of the Union and Formed the Confederate States of America. Then on April 12, 1861 Gen. Beauregard fired on Ft. Sumter in Charlestown Harbor. It soon surrendered. The Confederates kept on winning between 1861-63 In 1864 the Union started winning. On Jan. 1. 1863 the Emancipation Proclamation took effect freeing all the slaves. The war was won by the Union troops, in 1865. On Apr. 9, 1865 Lee surrendered to the Union Gen. Grant. On Apr. 14 1865 Lincoln was in a theatre in Washington, when suddenly he was wounded. He died Apr. 15, 1865. Northerners and Southerners mourned alike.

Amelia Earhart

By Alice Gilbert

The lost flier Amelia Earhart and Frederick Noonan, her navigator are greatly to be admired. In spite of their first failure, they perserverd. They started from Purdue University going East and were able to go as far as Howland Island. They were last on Friday July 2nd in the Pacific. I admire Amelia Earhart because of her courage and skill.

Howland raises them for vases , People wear them on their faces. What are they. To-Lip

Preserving Cape Cod's Natural Scenery.

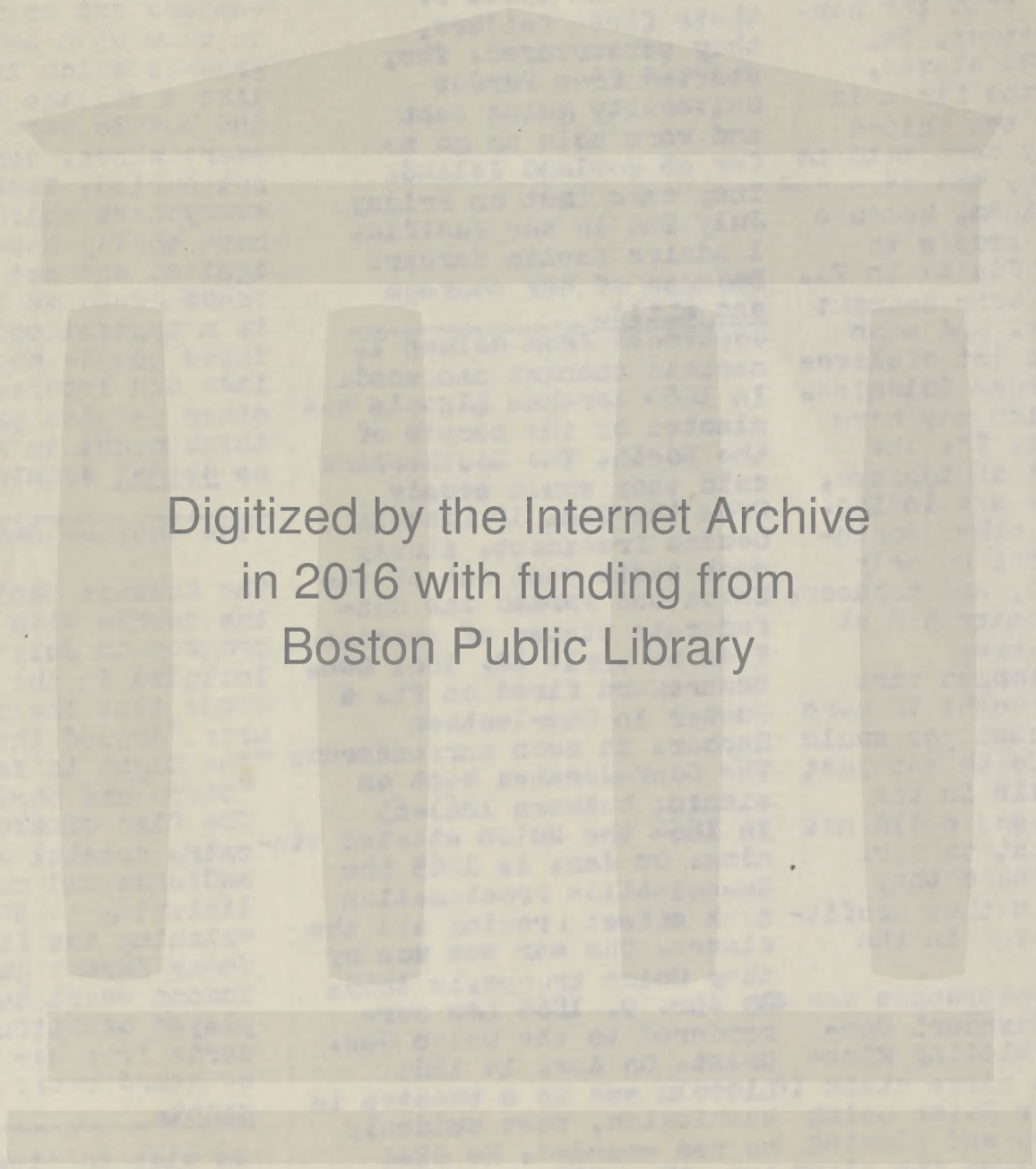
By Louis S. Gilbert

The other day when I was walking along the beach I saw why picnicers and campers are so unpopular. We came upon some picnic grounds which looked like a village dump. Cans and bottle were scattered every where. Garbage was not buried. Paper was everywhere which could have easily have been ignited and set all the beach grass on fire. This is a typical modern camper These people who are careless and inconsiderate of other peoples property I think ought to be treated as common criminals.

The Chatham Band

The Chatham Band opened the season with a patriotic program on July 5, 1937. Included in the list of songs that the band played are: "Around the Camp Fire" "The Night is Young", and "Stars and strips forever". The fire crackers played extra special and the audience had quits a time listening to the music and watching the fire works. Under Expert guidance of Thomas Massi the Band played beautifully. Concerts from now on will be heard every Friday night.

We wish to give a special mention to David Sillikopf for a slogan he sent in to late. "The Chatham Chatter publishes everything from a riddle to a true story".



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"Captain Smith Says"

FACT:

Chatham

Do you know was incorporated a town in June 11, 1712/

Do you know that the Indian name for Chatham was Monomoyick or Monomoit.

Books

Recommended by Katherine McCarthy

Books for adults.

Roberts, "With " Candle in the sun"

Indianapolis-The Bobbs-Merrill Co. $2.50 1937

(This is a new novel about Puerto Rico. I noticed that it was being displayed in book collections in San Juan and I fear it may cause some feeling among Puerto Ricans.

Tomlinson, H.M. "Pipe all Hands!

N.Y. Harper $2.50 1937

Childrens Books

Ingud D' Auleire and Edgn Parin.

"George Washington N.Y. Doubleday $2.00

Claire Newberry "Mittens" N.Y. Harper $1.50

Theatre

Caprice

The play Caprice opened July 3, at Chatham's little theatre starring Olga Holms. It was presented by William Aden a N.Y. producer who has just rented the former Guild House. This play was presented in New York for almost one year. It is a three act comedy by Mid-Vars. The audience seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. Albert who was played by Alfred Allegro stood out because of his fine acting in the part of Albert the lawyer. The whole show was a great success.

The Chatham Chatter goes to Press.

June 28, 1937 Chatham Chatter Office.

"Oh, granddaughter Gilbert," two hours of hard labor and no success. Five o'clock already and office hours are over. How on earth can we get our paper to press by to-morrow?" June 29, 1937 Editor Gilbert had recovered his spirits and his assistant was more hopeful than the day before. The original was laid on the press. The whole staff looked on with fear and trembling.

"What if it does not print nicely?" Exclaimed one of the excited staff members. The editor-in-Chief quoted a cheerful phrase which some one had once told him "always look on the good side of life." We tried hard to follow his good advise and hope for the best. The first copy was removed from the press and inspected by all the staff who were standing by expectantly. Unanimous approval was voiced by a general "Hip Hip Hooray". Page two came off the press as clear as one could desire. The assembled staff were delighted. Also they were ever confident for the third page came off blurred and illegible. In the office of the Chatham Chatter there reigned consternation. Everyone talked at once and everyone made suggestions for rescuing the issue. The assistant editor in this dangerous crisis rendered invaluable service, which in the opinion of the entire staff deserves special mention in these pages.

From Puerto Rico

To The Editor of the Chatham Chatter.

I'm very sorry to have failed you so far. It was almost impossible to write on the ship. The "Ponce" is an old ship, 37 years old and about 6000 tons. There was no lounge and the tables in the smoking room had an odd shell, and any how most of the time the room was too crowded. Our cabins were airy and clean but too small to sit in and write comfortably. So I had to write the 'most' letter to my father on my knee in a deck chair with an officer or someone else on each side of me doing anding who my 'boyfriend' was. No wonder Mother couldn't read them. The trip was very interesting but not a very comfortable one. But who goes on a freighter for comfort anyway? Miss McCarthy has just visited Puerto Rico.

Katherine McCarthy

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We are therefore happy to say that she had the presence of mind to blot up the ocean water and thus save the first issue of our paper. The editor-in-chief takes particular pleasure in recounting this incident and in expressing in these pages on behalf of himself and his associates the gratitude of "The Chatham Chatter."

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How I Got My Watch

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refused to grant it on the ground that every one had a right to determine for himself whether or not he should be a member of the union.

A deadlock having been reached both parties asked me to make an effort to strenghten out the situation. On two successive days I met first with Sears Roebuck and Co. management then with Union officials and still later on with both parties. Our last session was held at the Ritz-Carlton on Monday 28th. 1937. The session lasting from 5 to 12 P.M. The conferance was attended by three representatives of the union and three of Sears Roebuck and Co. By 12 o'clock an agreement was signed. The closed shop was not granted to the union but it is to act as sole collective bargaining agreement for those employees in Sears Roebuck and Co. warehouses who are members. The agreement also called for a slightrevision in the wage schedule although the company is now paying a higher wage than any other concern in the city. The agreement covering a period of one year also called for the appointment of an impartial chairman whose duty it would be to see that the agreement will be fulfilled by both parties and who would attempt to adjust any difficulties that might arise. Both parties asked me to serve in the capacity of impartial chairman.

Although the officers of the union were a party to this agreement nevertheless the warehousemen who were on strike refused to ratify this agreement. This neccessitated considerable activity on my part. I had to appeal personally to the strikers

Corn in Wisconsin

By Walter Raushenbush

The corn crop in Wisconsin was planted late this year and probably will be harvested late too. So far as I have seen there are only a few fields of corn that are knee high all ready. But as to what I think that the corn drop will be more flourishing in a little while.

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accept the agreement pointing out to the even more severe conflicts likely to develop in the event the agreement was not ratified. Within 24 hours the warehousemen decided to give up the strike and accept the agreement.

The following evening as I returned to the City Club in New York I found in the lobby 2 gentlemen one representing Sears, Roebuck and Co. the other the warehousemen both representing me with a gold wrist watch having the inscription on it:

To Jacob Billikopf
From Local 18571 and
Sears Roebuck and Co.

Mr. Billikopf is an impartial observer.

Editors Note.

History in The News.

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subject matter is, therefore, not an end in itself; it must be recognized that fundamental knowledge is essential to intelligent social action.

This paper is published on a cooperative basis. Contributions and suggestions will be welcomed by the staff.

What our readers thought of our first issue.

My Dear Editor:

Congratulations and best wishes to you and members ofyour staff in the new enterprise "The Chatham Chatter".

The first issue is very interesting as well as educational. I wish you all every succes in the world.

If your subscription list is not limited or closed I want to subscribe and am enclosing herewith 10¢ in coin and request that you place my name on your subscription list.

Here's hoping that in the near future you will have a country-wide circulation. Remember that there is an old saying that goes something like this"Great oaks from little acorns grow".

I shall watch with great interest the growth of your paper and thank you for being priviledged to have a copy of your first edition. I am

Sincerely yours
Ralph E. Cahoon

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